

case of the parallel connection of the master piston and the adjusting piston specifically to increase the volume of the liquid by the displacement of the adjusting piston.

Please insert the following new paragraph after paragraph 0062 – “that obtained with conventional actuating devices” on page 25:

[0063] Other variations and modifications are possible without departing from the scope and spirit of the present invention as defined by the appended claims.

Please add the following Abstract as the last page of the new Application:

### ABSTRACT

A hydraulic actuating device (10) for an automotive friction clutch (12), has a master cylinder (14) whose master piston (16) can be impinged upon with a master force ( $F_G$ ) via an actuating mechanism (18) and can be displaced by a master travel ( $S_G$ ), and a slave cylinder (20) with a slave piston (22) which is hydraulically connected in series to the master piston via a liquid column and is functionally linked with a clutch-release member (24) of the automotive friction clutch. The actuating device may be provided with an adjusting unit (26) may have an adjusting piston (28). The adjusting piston is hydraulically connected in series to the master piston and can be impinged upon with a force and displaced via a transmission (30) that is driven by an electric motor. The actuating device further has a control unit (C) which is used to control the adjusting unit especially subject to a master variable ( $F_G; S_G$ ).